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FOR: **FLUID OPERATED RETRACTORS**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
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AMENDMENT

Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

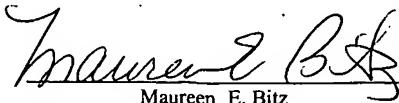
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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